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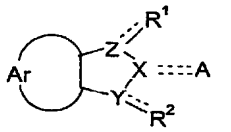

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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to compounds according to the general formula (I) wherein the dotted lines denote a single bond which is optionally present, with 2 dotted lines denoting a double bond; wherein, in case no double bond is present and a free valence exists, this valence is occupied by H; and wherein the symbols in particular have the following meanings: R^1 and R^2 are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of: H; OH; (=O); halogens; pseudohalogens;. NH_2; $S(O)_mR^5$; SO_2NH_2 ; $C(O)R^8$; $C(O)OR^9$; $CONH_2$; C_1-C_2-alkyl susbtituted by NH_2, OH, $S(O)_mR^5$, SO_2NH_2, $C(O)R^8$, $C(O)OR^9$, $CONH_2$; C_1-C_2-alkoxy substituted by NH_2, OH, $S(O)_mR^5$, SO_2NH_2, $C(O)R^8$, $C(O)OR^9$, $CONH_2$; Ar denotes an unsubstituted mononuclear aryl group having 6 or 7 members, which aryl group is annulated to the neighbouring 5-membered cycle, and which may carry 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms from the group N, O and S in its cycle; Y, Z denote independently from each other a nitrogen atom or a methylene group; X is a nitrogen atom or a methylene group; A is selected from the group consisting of: H; halogens and pseudohalogens; OH; =N(OH); $NR^{12}R^{13}$; OSO_{3-} ; $S(O)_mR^{14}$; $SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$; $C(O)R^{17}$; $C(O)OR^{18}$; $CONR^{19}R^{20}$; $C(S)R^{21}$, $C(S)OR^{22}$; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C_1-C_6-alkyl which can carry in its chain one or more non-adjacent heteroatoms from the group nitrogen and oxygen. These compounds are used as inhibitors of DNA methylation and therefore useful in the treatment of various forms of cancer.

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